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1 to 10,000 parts by weight of [a dicarboxylic acid] at least one salt of an organic acid selected from the group consisting of salts or citric acid, tartaric acid, aspartic acid, isocitric acid, glutamic acid, and mixtures thereof [to delay], whereby a decrease in [the ~~gonadotropin's~~] ~~gonadotropin~~ activity over time is delayed.

2. (amended) The gonadotropin composition of claim 1, further comprising a non-reducing sugar selected from the group of sucrose and trehalose, wherein the non-reducing sugar is present in an amount of about three to fifty times by weight of the [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt.

Please cancel claims 3-5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

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6. (amended) The composition of claim 2, wherein the non-reducing sugar is present in an amount of about three times by weight of the [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt.

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7. (amended) The composition of claim 6, [further] comprising [a second] more than one type of gonadotropin, [both] all of said gonadotropins being stabilized by said [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt.

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~~E2~~ F 1. (amended) A lyophilized ~~gonadotropin~~ composition  
comprising:  
~~cont'd~~ F one part by weight of a ~~gonadotropin~~, said ~~gonadotropin~~ being of  
recombinant source; and  
~~Jud.~~ F 2 200 to 10,000 parts by weight of [a dicarboxylic] ~~an organic~~  
~~acid salt having two or more carboxylic acid moieties~~

~~E3~~ 10. (amended) The composition of claim 1, [further]  
comprising [a second] ~~more than one type of~~ gonadotropin  
stabilized by the [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt.

~~3~~ 11. (amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said  
composition contains sufficient [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt  
to form a solution having an ionic strength of at least 0.05  
mol/l when said composition is reconstituted with water.

~~4~~ 12. (amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein said  
[dicarboxylic] organic acid salt is selected from the group  
consisting of salts of tartaric acid, aspartic acid, isocitric  
acid, glutamic acid, and mixtures thereof.

#### REMARKS

In the Office Action of November 17, 1992, the Examiner  
required under 35 USC 121 the election of species for  
prosecution. Applicants hereby confirm the election of species  
1, compositions containing gonadotropin, acid salts and non-